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TraCS 7.3 H/Form Suite 2 Is Here!

TraCS 7.3 H/Form Suite 2 is now available. To obtain, follow the instructions in Appendix A of your TraCS 201 support manual to download TraCSInstall.exe. All files needed for installations and upgrades will be found in your C:\TraCSInstall folder after you run TraCSInstall.exe. The ReadMe.doc located in C:\TraCSInstall provides instructions on upgrading machines. Please follow the instructions carefully in order to avoid any problems with the software. For example, end-shift files from the prior version must be handled properly to avoid data loss.

We recommend a high speed connection for downloading this very large file (~100 Mg). If you prefer a CD, send a note to <mailto:badgertracs@dot.state.wi.us>.

TraCS 7.3 H Highlights

Many enhancements have been made to the latest version of TraCS. Here are a few of the highlights:

- TraCS is now compatible with 2003/2005 AAMVA Standard Compliant Barcodes.
- The TraCS Diagram Tool has been enhanced to contain four additional diagram items: 4-way roundabout, 3-way roundabout, truck trailer, and truck utility trailer.
- Local copies of crash and citation reports now may be generated in TIFF or PDF format for incorporation in your image system.
- The view rejection reason feature has been fixed.
- Citations now may be transmitted via the State's Enterprise Service Bus (ESB). See below for more information.

New Forms

We've also updated the latest TraCS pack with new forms. Included in this package are the Attachment Form, Municipal Citation Form, and Alcohol Forms.

Attachment Form

The attachment form is an optional form that may be used by your agency to facilitate the transfer of non-TraCS files from the field unit to the administrative workstation. This form is provided as a convenience for your agency and the data provided on it is only used locally within your agency.

The form is designed to be extremely flexible and meet a variety of agency needs. For example, you could use it send a fingerprint file, a work report in Word format, an Excel spreadsheet or virtually any other file on your laptop.

How you choose to use this form is up to your agency.

Municipal Citation Form

The municipal citation form has been added to the suite for non-traffic violations. This form may be printed for the violator and the court. Electronic transmission of municipal non-traffic citation data to the court is not included in this release. Local copies of the municipal citation data are created for import into your agency RMS. For the immediate future, paper copies of the municipal non-traffic citations may be submitted to the court.

Alcohol Forms

The Alcohol incident forms (Notice of Intent to Suspend, Notice of Intent to Revoke, Informing the Accused, Administrative Review Request, and Blood/Urine Chemical Test) have been provided as a convenience for your agency. You can import the data from the ELCI forms right into the Alcohol Form and then print out any of the 5 reports. Electronic data transmission of the Alcohol Incident forms is not included in this release.

Electronic Service Bus (ESB)

The ESB provides a way to transmit ELCI citation data via the internet to the Circuit Court (CCAP), District Attorney (DA Protect), DOT Citation Reporting application, and the DOT Court Ordered Web System (COWS).

The COWS application stores traffic citation data for municipal courts that do not have a records management system, or a means to interface TraCS data with their RMS. The municipal court can then use the COWS application to add the citation disposition after the ticket has been adjudicated.

ESB transmission is still in the pilot phase; we will be conducting tests with selected agencies in the near future.

Updated Documentation

Updated documentation for the TraCS software and forms may be found in the Doc directory of the WisDOT FTP server. The Badger TraCS User Manual has been updated to include the new forms and the Support Manual has been updated for clarity. Follow the instructions in Appendix A of your TraCS 201 support manual to connect to the FTP server.

TraCS 10

We still have space available for you in the TraCS 10 focus group. This is an important opportunity to get your input into the TraCS re-write project.

Sessions are planned for December 6, 2005, 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM at the Hill Farms Transportation Building in Madison. The TraCS team will be demonstrating a limited prototype of the new interface and will be soliciting your feedback. If you would like to attend a TraCS 10 focus group session, please send a message to <mailto:badgertracs@dot.state.wi.us>. Please indicate who will be attending and whether you prefer a morning or afternoon session.